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ACROSS THE MULTIVERSE, YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WERE BITTEN BY GENETICALLY ALTERED, IRRADIATED OR MYSTICAL SPIDERS AND WERE TRANSFORMED. THEY GAINED THE SPEED, AGILITY, AND PROPORTIONAL STRENGTH OF A SPIDER AS WELL AS THE ABILITY TO STICK TO WALLS. SOME EVEN GAINED A UNIQUE PRECOGNITIVE AWARENESS OF DANGER CALLED "SPIDER-SENSE." ALTHOUGH THEIR PATHS HAVE BEEN VARIED, THEY ALL LIVE BY A SINGLE MANTRA – THAT WITH GREAT POWER, THERE MUST ALSO COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY.

SPIDER-VERSE

THE MULTIVERSE WAS DESTROYED! ALL THAT REMAINS IS BATTLEWORLD–A MASSIVE, PATCHWORK PLANET COMPOSED OF THE FRAGMENTS OF WORLDS THAT NO LONGER EXIST, MAINTAINED BY THE IRON WILL OF ITS GOD AND MASTER, VICTOR VON DOOM! EACH REGION IS A DOMAIN UNTO ITSELF!

IN ONE SUCH DOMAIN, A RAGTAG BAND OF WEB-SLINGING SUPER HEROES HAVE FOUND THEMSELVES UNSURE OF WHERE THEY FIT IN. RECENTLY, THE SPIDERS WERE DEFEATED AND TAKEN TO OZCORP, WHERE NORMAN OSBORN REQUESTED THEIR HELP IN ANALYZING A STRANGE ENERGY FIELD THEY ALL SEEMED CONNECTED TO, CALLED SIMPLY "THE WEB."

GWEN STACY, A.K.A. SPIDER-WOMAN, BAILED ON THE SCIENCE LECTURE, ONLY TO FIND HERSELF FACE-TO-FACE WITH PETER PARKER, WHO HAD SOUGHT HER OUT WITH A WARNING NOT TO TRUST OSBORN.

THE SPIDERS HAD ALREADY FIGURED THAT OUT, THOUGH, WHEN THEY DISCOVERED A DEVICE HE HAD SECRETLY CONSTRUCTED TO HARNESS THEIR POWER OVER THE WEB -- A THOR ARRIVED AT OZCORP TO DESTROY IT AND THEM!

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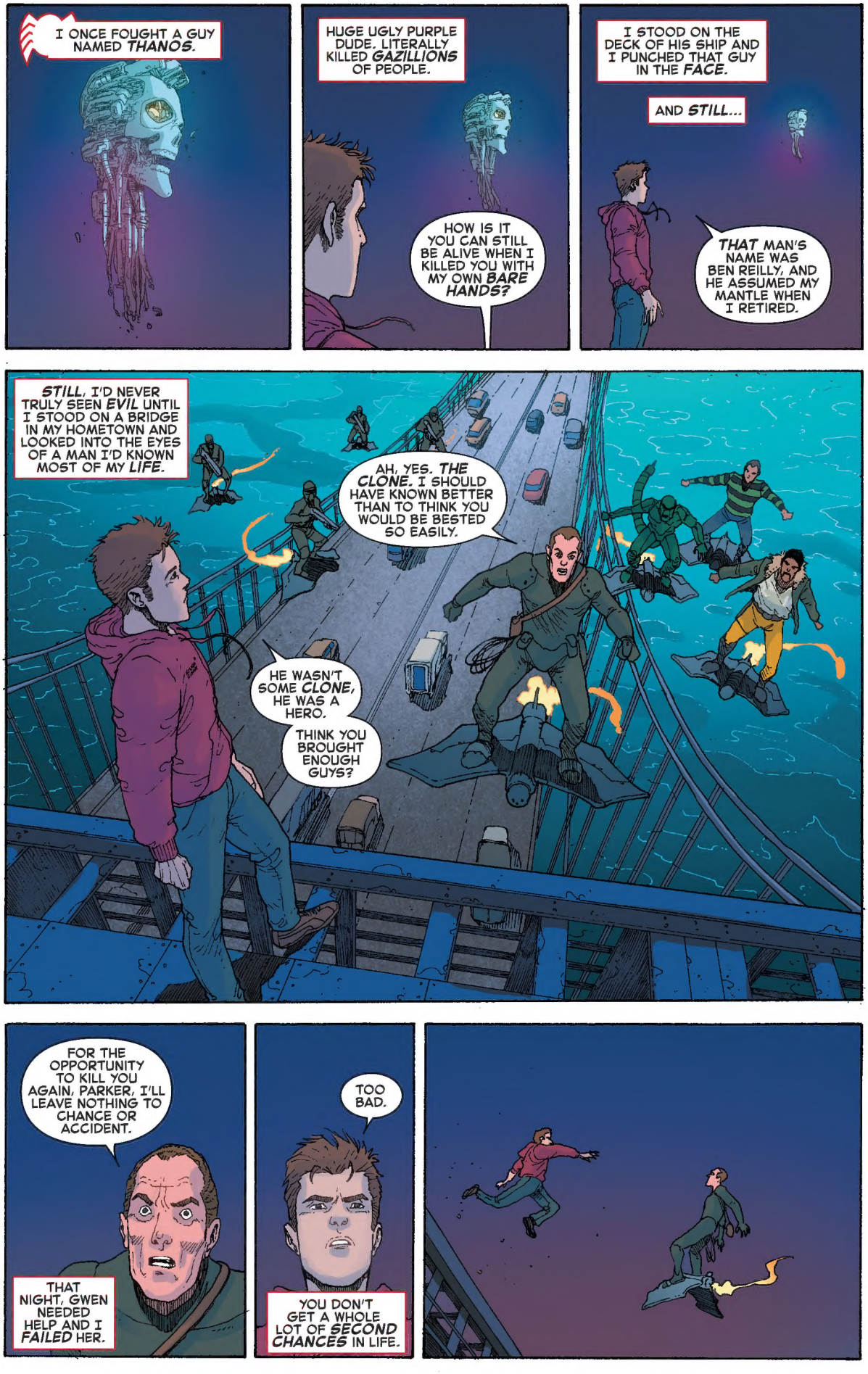

I ONCE FOUGHT A GUY NAMED THANOS.
HUGE UGLY PURPLE DUDE. LITERALLY KILLED GAZILLIONS OF PEOPLE.
HOW IS IT YOU CAN STILL BE ALIVE WHEN I KILLED YOU WITH MY OWN BARE HANDS?
I STOOD ON THE DECK OF HIS SHIP AND I PUNCHED THAT GUY IN THE FACE.
AND STILL...
THAT MAN'S NAME WAS BEN REILLY, AND HE ASSUMED MY MANTLE WHEN I RETIRED.
STILL, I'D NEVER TRULY SEEN EVIL UNTIL I STOOD ON A BRIDGE IN MY HOMETOWN AND LOOKED INTO THE EYES OF A MAN I'D KNOWN MOST OF MY LIFE.
AH, YES. THE CLONE. I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO THINK YOU WOULD BE BESTED SO EASILY.
HE WASN'T SOME CLONE, HE WAS A HERO.
THINK YOU BROUGHT ENOUGH GUYS?
FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO KILL YOU AGAIN, PARKER, I'LL LEAVE NOTHING TO CHANCE OR ACCIDENT.
THAT NIGHT, GWEN NEEDED HELP AND I FAILED HER.
TOO BAD.
YOU DON'T GET A WHOLE LOT OF SECOND CHANCES IN LIFE.

SO I HOPE THINGS ARE GOING SMOOTHLY FOR HER AND HER *FRIENDS.*

WHOA, HEY! WE'RE ON THE *SAME SIDE* HERE.

I AM NOT ON A "SIDE." I REPRESENT THE HIGHEST POWER THERE *IS.*

WELL, THEN THERE'S BEEN SOME MISTAKE. WE'VE JUST BEEN POKING AROUND IN THE LABORATORY OF A *MADMAN.* WE CERTAINLY HAVE NO DISAGREEMENT WITH YOUR *BOSS.*

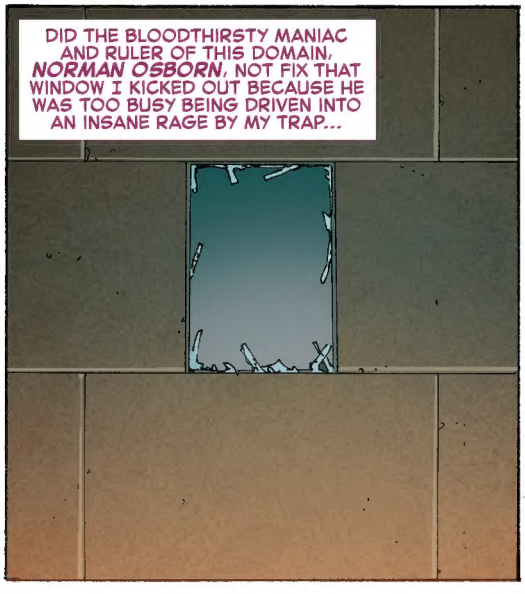
AND YET THIS CHAIR IS INTENDED TO *THREATEN* LORD DOOM AND *YOU* ARE THE LODESTONES OF ITS POWER.

YOUR VERY EXISTENCE *OFFENDS* HIM.

OH, WELL, IF *THAT'S* ALL. I OFFEND PEOPLE WITH MY EXISTENCE *ALL THE TIME.*

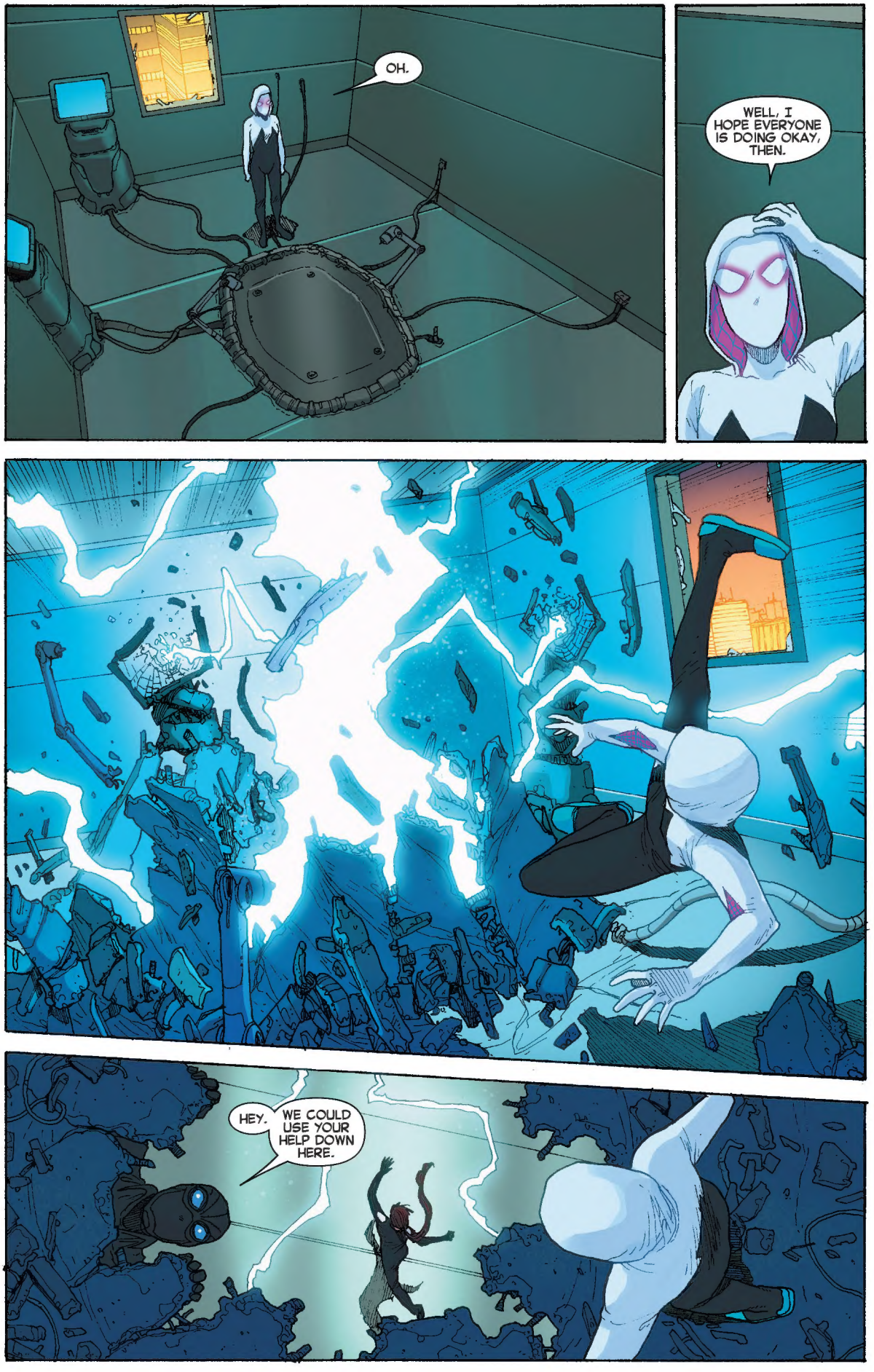
JUST GIVE ME THE E-MAIL ADDRESS TO SEND THE *APOLOGY* TO. THIS CAN BE CLEARED UP *NO PROBLEM,* RIGHT?

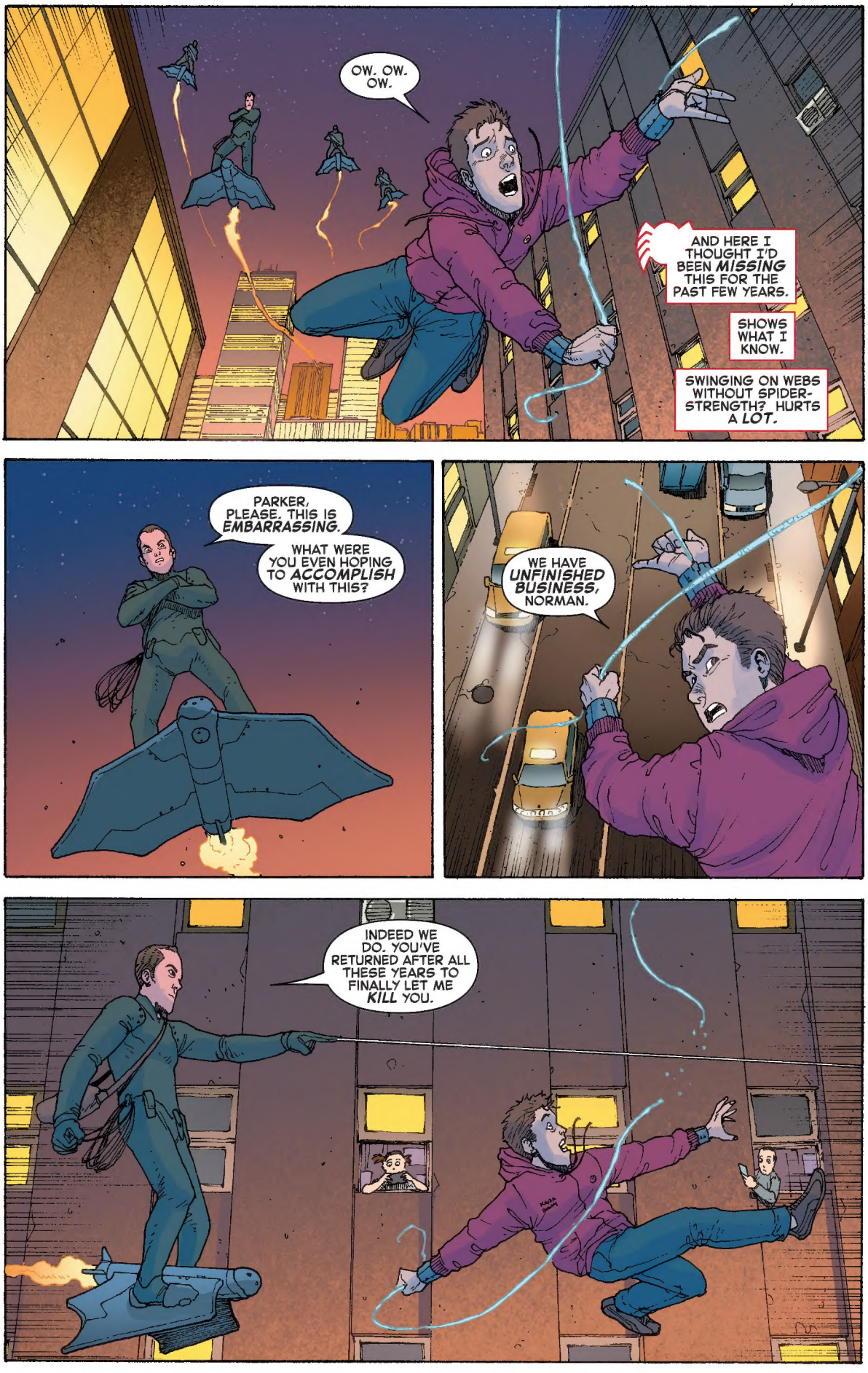
TACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR SUPER HEROES:
OSCORP


DID THE BLOODTHIRSTY MANIAC AND RULER OF THIS DOMAIN, NORMAN OSBORN, NOT FIX THAT WINDOW I KICKED OUT BECAUSE HE WAS TOO BUSY BEING DRIVEN INTO AN INSANE RAGE BY MY TRAP...

...OR IS THAT JUST WHAT HE WANTS ME TO THINK? OR! DOES HE WANT ME TO THINK I SHOULD THINK THAT?

COULD TAKE A WHILE TO FIGURE THAT OUT...
WHO WANTS THEIR BUTT KICKED?!
BUT WHO HAS THE TIME?


OH.
WELL, I HOPE EVERYONE IS DOING OKAY, THEN.
HEY.
WE COULD USE YOUR HELP DOWN HERE.


OW. OW. OW.
AND HERE I THOUGHT I'D BEEN *MISSING* THIS FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS.
SHOWS WHAT I KNOW.
SWINGING ON WEBS WITHOUT SPIDER-STRENGTH? HURTS A *LOT*.
PARKER, PLEASE. THIS IS *EMBARRASSING*.
WHAT WERE YOU EVEN HOPING TO *ACCOMPLISH* WITH THIS?
WE HAVE *UNFINISHED BUSINESS*, NORMAN.
INDEED WE DO. YOU'VE RETURNED AFTER ALL THESE YEARS TO FINALLY LET ME *KILL* YOU.

THEN OUR BUSINESS WILL BE CONCLUDED.
IT'S ALWAYS ABOUT WHAT YOU WANT, ISN'T IT, NORMAN? THAT'S A GOOD AREA TO EXPLORE WITH YOUR THERAPIST.
I DIDN'T COME BACK HERE FOR YOU.
I CAME BACK HERE TO HELP GWEN.
BACK TO THE TOWER! NOW!
DON'T LOOK SO SMUG, PARKER. HOW MUCH DAMAGE DO YOU THINK THEY CAN DO?

KEEP IT INSIDE! WE DON'T WANT THIS SPILLING INTO THE STREET!
PUNCH
SPREAD APART! STAY OUT OF EACH OTHER'S WAY!
TRY TO HIT HER AT THE SAME TIME!
NOT SURE IT MATTERS *WHEN* WE HIT HER, PAL.
BLAM
BLAM
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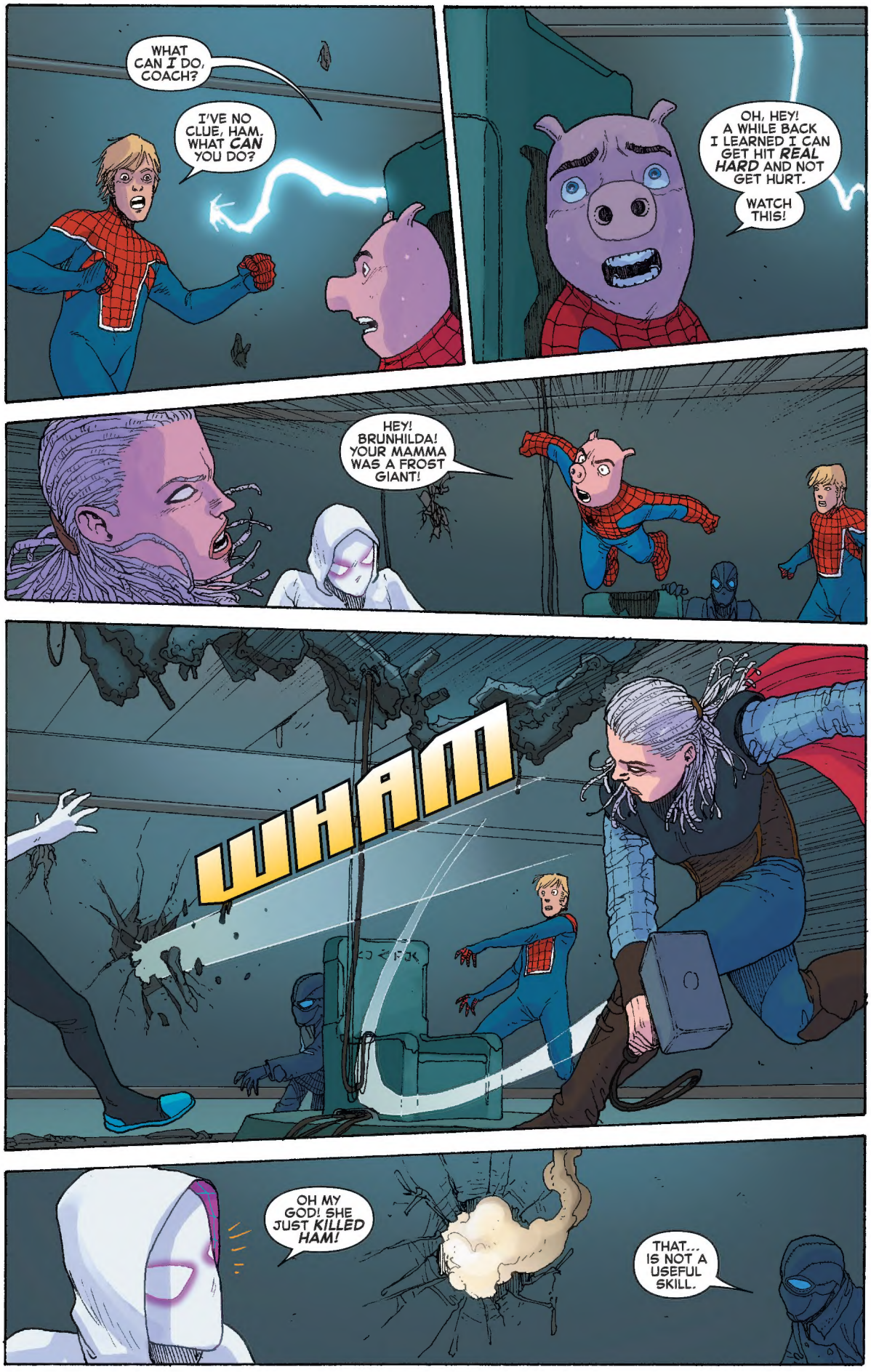

WHAT CAN I DO, COACH?
I'VE NO CLUE, HAM. WHAT CAN YOU DO?
OH, HEY! A WHILE BACK I LEARNED I CAN GET HIT REAL HARD AND NOT GET HURT.
WATCH THIS!
HEY! BRUNHILDA! YOUR MAMMA WAS A FROST GIANT!
WHAM
OH MY GOD! SHE JUST KILLED HAM!
THAT... IS NOT A USEFUL SKILL.

HOLY!
OZCORP

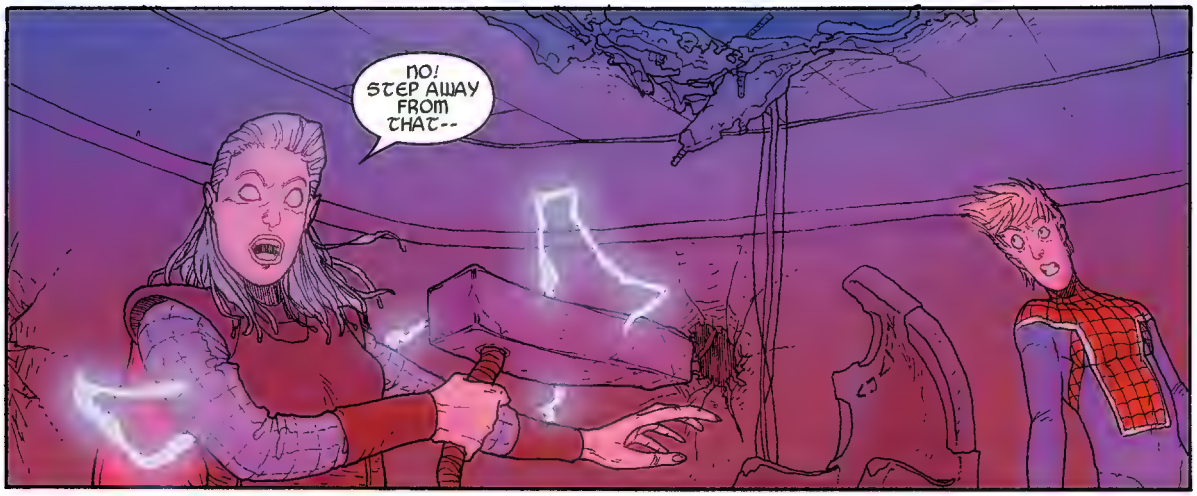
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU SPIDERS DOING IN THERE?
HEY, YOU GONNA FINISH THIS SANDWICH?

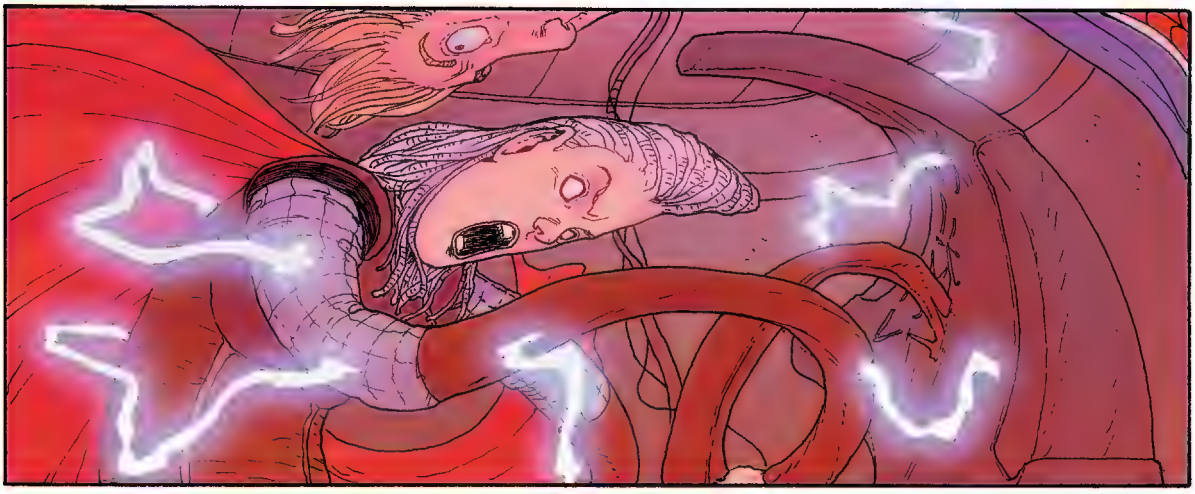
WHOA, DADDY.
HEY! YOU'RE THE ELECTRO GUY, RIGHT?

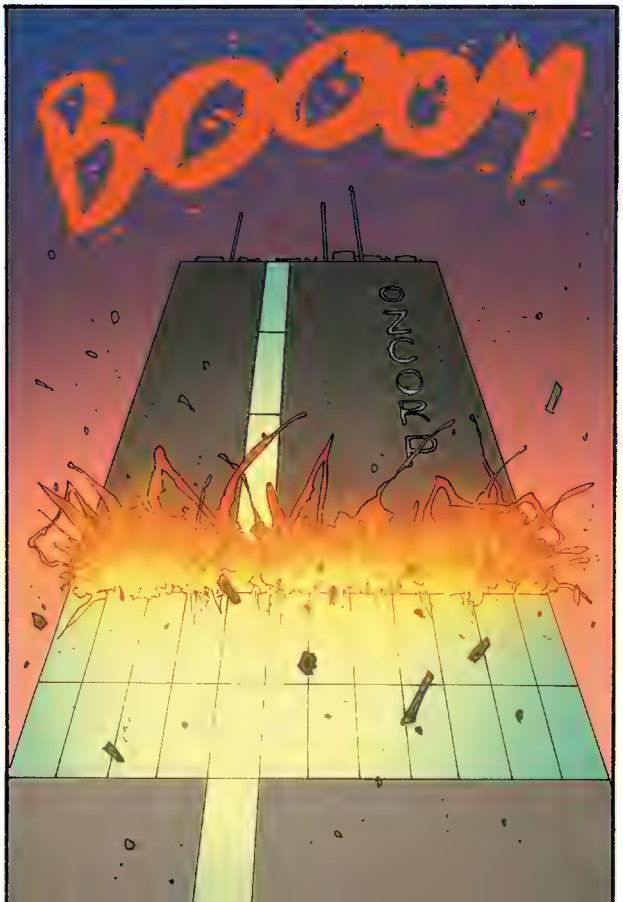
YEAH, SO? WHAT YOU WANT ME TO DO, ZAP A GOD?
A GOD OF THUNDER.

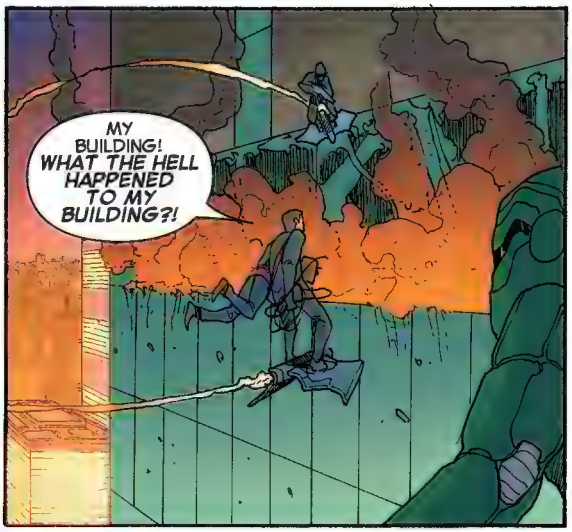
I MEAN... LIGHTNING, RIGHT?
THERE'S GOTTA BE SOMETHING THERE. PROBABLY?
UM.
SO...MY PLAN DIDN'T WORK.
NOTHING SO FAR HAS. I FEAR THAT THIS IS A LOSING BATTLE IF SHE'S CONVINCED WE'RE SOMEHOW A THREAT TO LORD DOOM.
HRRGH!
LET'S CONVINCE HER WE'RE NOT.

OH, GOD, THANK YOU! THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME!
NO NO, IT'S YOU WHO'S GOING TO SAVE US.
YOU SEE THAT CHAIR OVER THERE? OSBORN'S FAVORITE TOY? WE CAN'T TOUCH IT WITHOUT DESTROYING THE UNIVERSE OR SOMETHING.
SLAG IT SO THIS VIKING LUNATIC WILL LEAVE US ALONE.
YOU SURE ABOUT THIS, BOSS? THE CHAIR DOESN'T SEEM TO BE AFFECTED.
NO, IT IS BEING AFFECTED. IT'S SURGING INTO A FEEDBACK LOOP!
THIS PLAN MAY HAVE BEEN RASH.

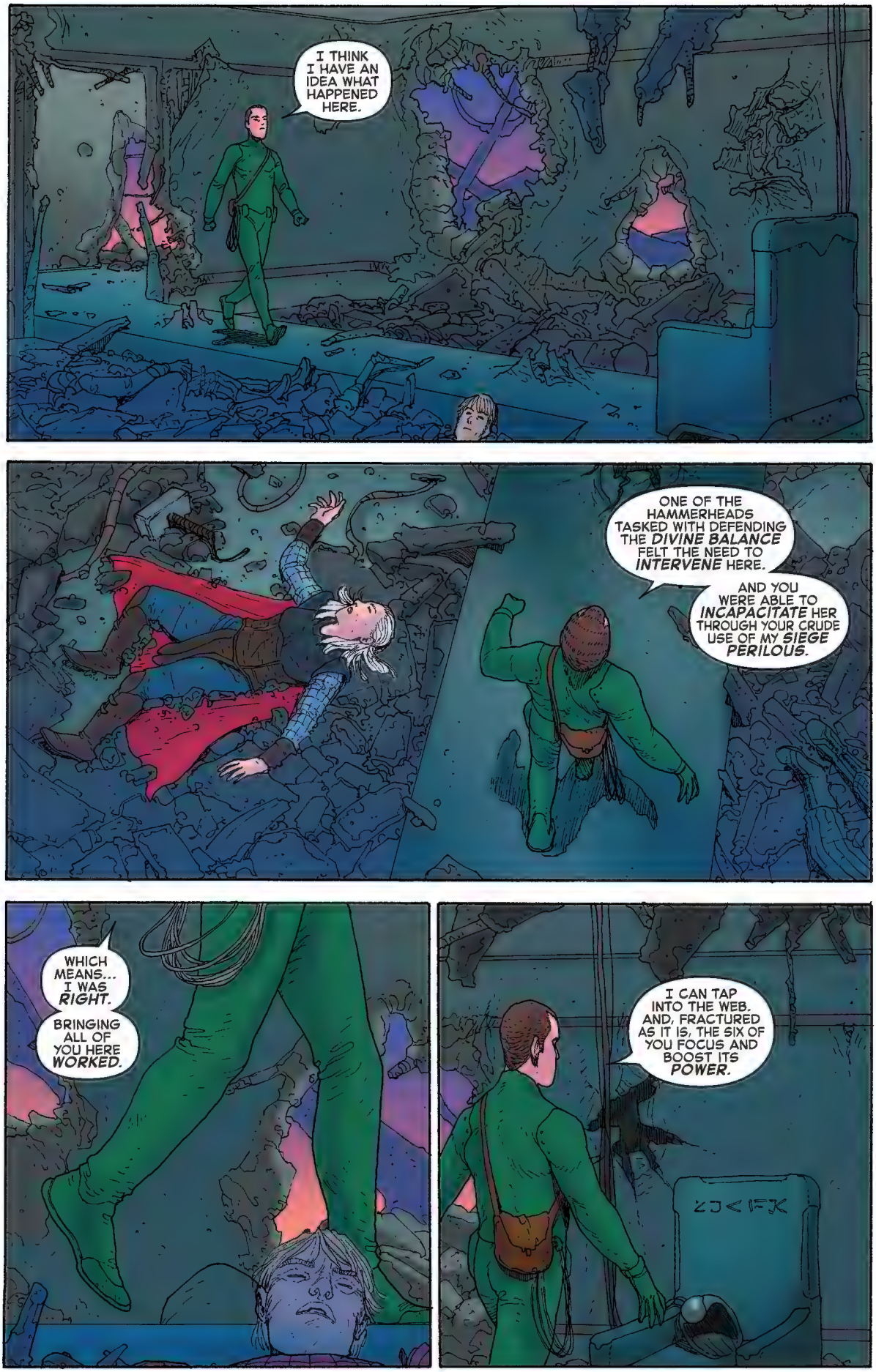

NO! STEP AWAY FROM THAT--




BOOOM
ONCORP

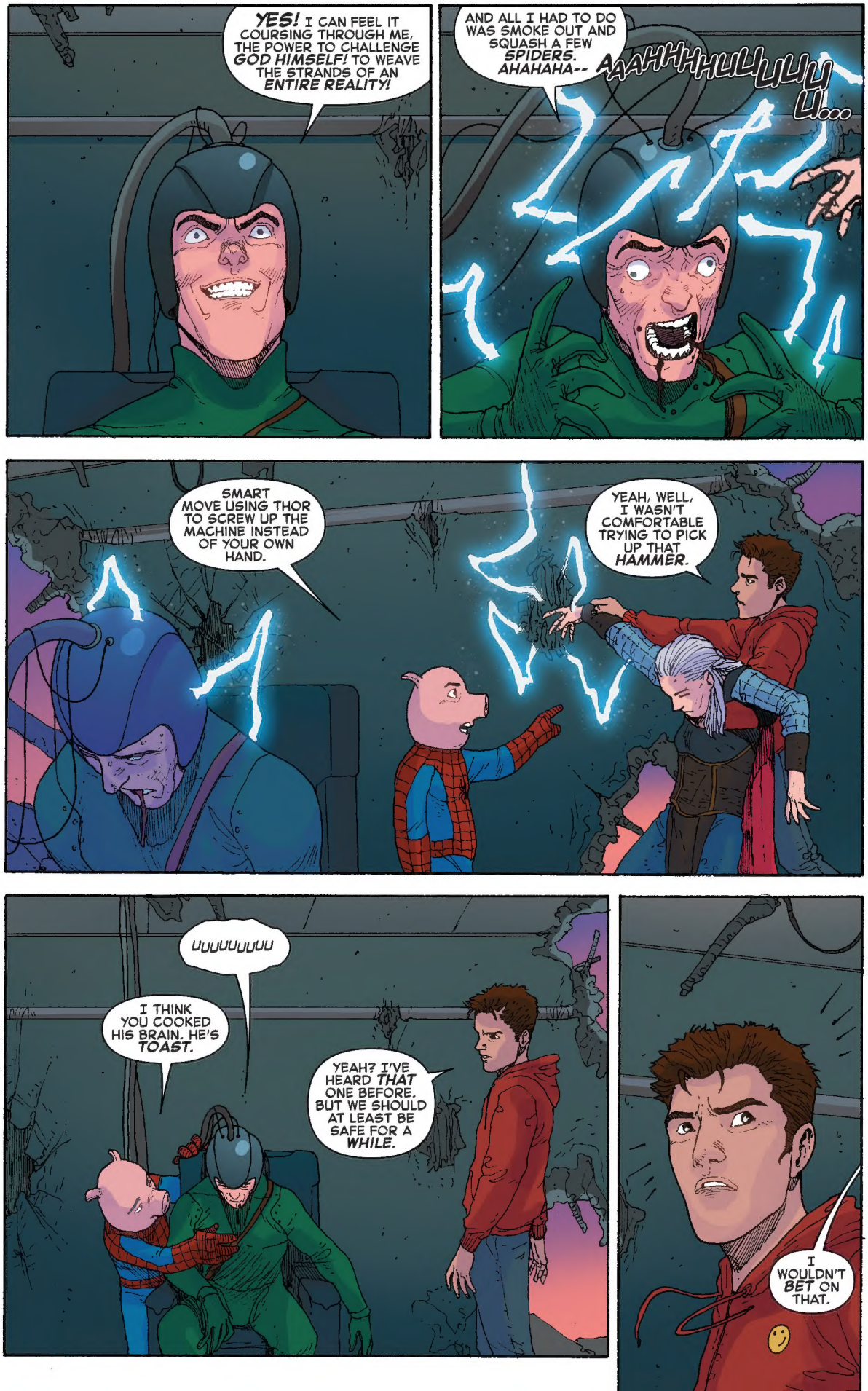

MY BUILDING! WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED TO MY BUILDING?!

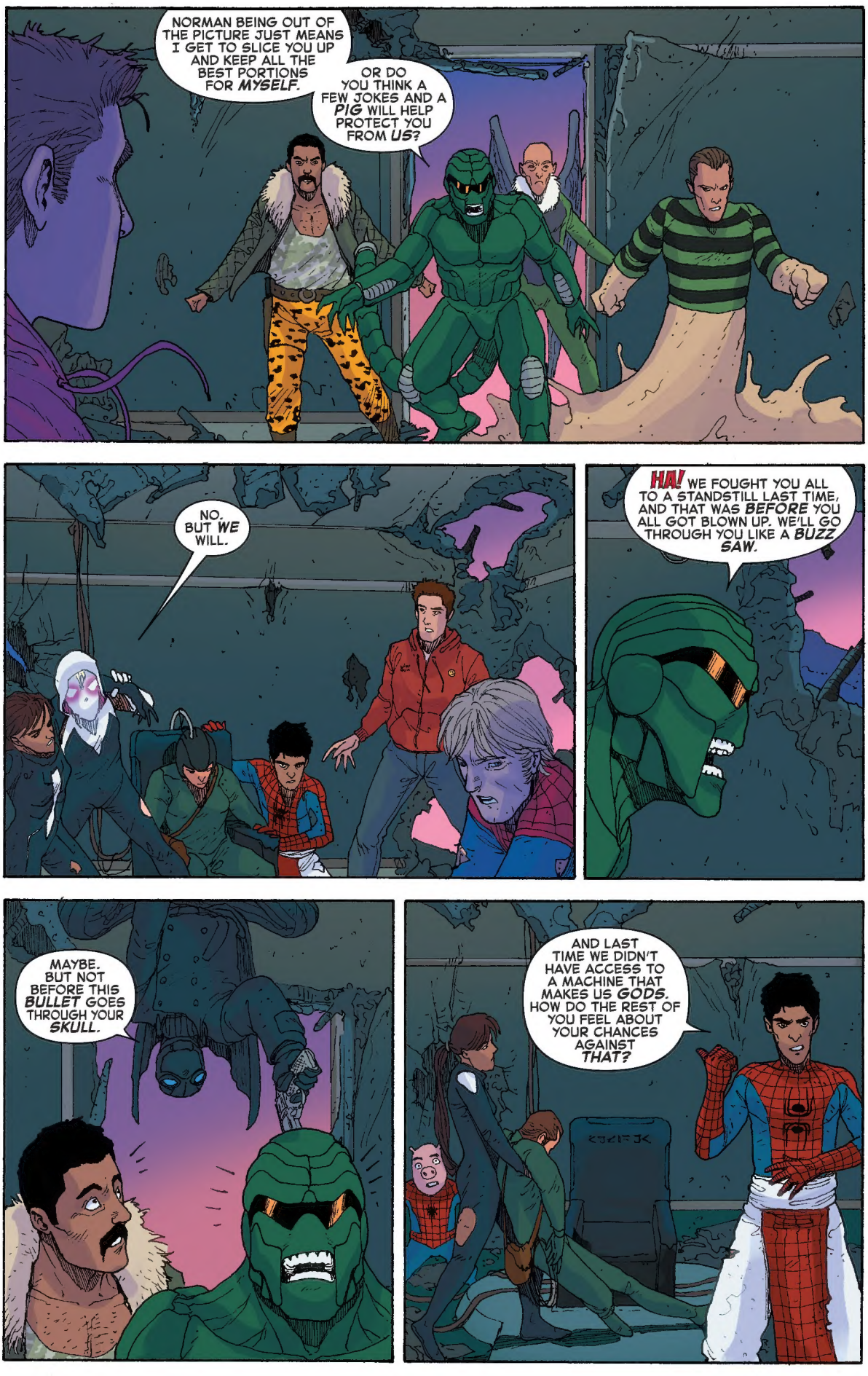
GARGAN! TAKE THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SIX AND SET UP A PERIMETER DOWNSTAIRS. THE GUARDS COME WITH ME.


I THINK I HAVE AN IDEA WHAT HAPPENED HERE.
ONE OF THE HAMMERHEADS TASKED WITH DEFENDING THE *DIVINE BALANCE* FELT THE NEED TO *INTERVENE* HERE.
AND YOU WERE ABLE TO *INCAPACITATE* HER THROUGH YOUR CRUDE USE OF MY *SIEGE PERILOUS*.
WHICH MEANS... I WAS *RIGHT*.
BRINGING ALL OF YOU HERE *WORKED*.
I CAN TAP INTO THE WEB. AND, FRACTURED AS IT IS, THE SIX OF YOU FOCUS AND BOOST ITS *POWER*.

SSSTOP... NK!
DON'T THINK TO TOUCH ME.
YOU'VE HELPED ME, BUT YOU HELP ME AS THE DIRT HELPS THE FARMER.
FROM YOUR CLAY, I WILL GROW A NEW WORLD.
"AND I WILL MAKE WONDERS."
HERE I THOUGHT TONIGHT WAS GOING TO BE BORING...
TRY SOMETHING DIFFERENT
TRY AVENGERS A.I. 12 000 AD

...BUT INSTEAD, I GET TO HALLUCINATE LITTLE CARTOON-ANIMAL VERSIONS OF ME.
OH, COOL. THE GOBLIN GAS IS STARTING TO KICK IN.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, VERSIONS OF YOU? WHO ARE YOU?
I'M PETER PARKER. SPIDER-MAN.
WELL, IF YOU'RE SPIDER-MAN, THEN I GUESS THAT MAKES THEM THE BAD GUYS, HUH?
LISTEN, PIG. NORMAN LIKES YOU, SO DON'T MAKE US HURT YOU.
YEAH, I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT THAT.
I CAN GET HIT REAL HARD AND NOT GET HURT.


YES! I CAN FEEL IT COURSING THROUGH ME, THE POWER TO CHALLENGE GOD HIMSELF! TO WEAVE THE STRANDS OF AN ENTIRE REALITY!
AND ALL I HAD TO DO WAS SMOKE OUT AND SQUASH A FEW SPIDERS. AHAHAHA--
AAAHHHHHUUUUUU...
SMART MOVE USING THOR TO SCREW UP THE MACHINE INSTEAD OF YOUR OWN HAND.
YEAH, WELL, I WASN'T COMFORTABLE TRYING TO PICK UP THAT HAMMER.
UUUUUUUUU
I THINK YOU COOKED HIS BRAIN. HE'S TOAST.
YEAH? I'VE HEARD THAT ONE BEFORE. BUT WE SHOULD AT LEAST BE SAFE FOR A WHILE.
I WOULDN'T BET ON THAT.


NORMAN BEING OUT OF THE PICTURE JUST MEANS I GET TO SLICE YOU UP AND KEEP ALL THE BEST PORTIONS FOR MYSELF.
OR DO YOU THINK A FEW JOKES AND A PIG WILL HELP PROTECT YOU FROM US?
NO. BUT WE WILL.
HA! WE FOUGHT YOU ALL TO A STANDSTILL LAST TIME, AND THAT WAS BEFORE YOU ALL GOT BLOWN UP. WE'LL GO THROUGH YOU LIKE A BUZZ SAW.
MAYBE. BUT NOT BEFORE THIS BULLET GOES THROUGH YOUR SKULL.
AND LAST TIME WE DIDN'T HAVE ACCESS TO A MACHINE THAT MAKES US GODS. HOW DO THE REST OF YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR CHANCES AGAINST THAT?

YOU KNOW I BROKE THAT MACHINE, RIGHT?
OBVIOUSLY. AND DO YOU KNOW THE LAST TIME WE EVEN GOT CLOSE TO IT, GOD'S OWN BODY-GUARD CAME DOWN TO ERASE US FROM EXISTENCE?
BUT IT WAS A GOOD BLUFF. THAT KID HAS SMARTS AND SOLID INSTINCTS.
SO WHAT NOW, BOSS?

"WHAT NOW?" WELL, NOW WE'VE JUST EXPOSED THE MOST POWERFUL MAN IN THE CITY AS A CORRUPT MEGALOMANIAC AND GIVEN HIM BRAIN DAMAGE.
MAYBE?
I'VE DONE THAT TONS OF TIMES. IT'S REALLY NOT AS COOL AS IT SOUNDS.
STILL, SHE MAKES A GOOD POINT. NORMAN WAS THE BARON OF THIS DOMAIN. HE RAN THE POLICE FORCE. INFRASTRUCTURE IS ABOUT TO COLLAPSE.
GOOD. EVERY CITY CAN USE A LITTLE ANARCHY TO CLEANSE THE PALATE.
STILL, PEOPLE WILL NEED PROTECTION AND HELP, AND WE'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN DO IT. WITH GREAT POWER MUST ALSO COME--
WE KNOW. WE'VE HEARD IT.
STILL. IT'LL BE NICE TO SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A CHANGE.
BYE !!
SEE YOU SOON!
END.